

CLAIMS

We claim the following:

- 1 1. A computer implemented medical database comprising:
2 a plurality of medical documents, each of said plurality of
3 documents having protocol information associated therewith; and
4 an evidence level associated with each of said plurality of
5 documents, said evidence level being a measurement of the validity of the
6 protocol information for a document.

- 1 2. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 1,
2 wherein:
3 the evidence level is based upon a plurality of factors, said factors
4 including one or more of the following:
5 controlled study data,
6 cross-over trial data, and
7 placebo study data, and
8 common practice data.

1 3. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 2,
2 wherein:
3 each evidence level is determined by a consensus among peers.

1 4. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 3,
2 wherein:
3 each evidence level equals a percentage from 0% to 100%.

1 5. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 4,
2 further including links to said protocol information associated with each of
3 said plurality of documents.

1 6. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 5,
2 further including one or more concept unique identifiers associated with
3 each of said plurality of documents.

1 7. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 6,
2 further including one or more evaluation and management codes
3 associated with each of said plurality of documents.

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1 8. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 7,
2 further including:

3 a computer-implemented user interface configured to access the
4 computer implemented medical database, and

5 computer program coding for each of said plurality of documents,
6 said computer program coding being configured to enable presentation of
7 the document using the computer implemented user interface.

1 9. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 8,
2 further including:

3 one or more templates, each of said one or more templates being
4 configured for entry of the each of said plurality of medical documents,
5 concept unique identifiers, and evaluation and management codes in the
6 database.

1 10. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 9,
2 further including:

3 a document type identifier associated with each of said plurality of
4 medical documents.

1 11. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 10,
2 wherein the documents type identifier includes an indication of age for an
3 intended reader of one or more of said plurality of documents.

1 12. A method for creating a medical database, said method comprising
2 steps of:
3 assigning a topic;
4 writing a document on the topic;
5 submitting the document to peers for review and assignment of an
6 evidence level; and
7 entering the document and the assigned evidence level for the
8 document in a computer accessible database.

1 13. The method according to claim 12, said method further wherein
2 the assigned evidence level is based upon a plurality of factors, said
3 factors including one or more of the following:
4 controlled study data,
5 cross-over trial data, and
6 placebo study data, and
7 common practice data.

1 14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the assigned evidence
2 level is determined by a consensus among peers.

1 15. The method according to claim 14, said method further including
2 steps of assigning a concept unique identifier with the document and
3 entering the assigned concept unique identifier in the database.

1 16. The method according to claim 15, said method further including
2 steps of assigning a evaluation and management code with the document
3 and entering the assigned evaluation and management code in the
4 database.

1 17. The method according to claim 16, said method further including
2 steps of assigning a critical data element with the document and entering
3 the assigned critical data element in the database.

1 18. The method according to claim 17, said method further including
2 steps encoding the document into a format compatible with a user
3 interface.

1 19. A computer implemented medical database comprising a database

2 means for storing a plurality of medical documents, associated protocol
3 information, and associated evidence levels, each of said plurality of
4 documents having protocol information associated therewith, and each of
5 said plurality of documents having an evidence level associated therewith.

1 20. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 19,
2 further comprising a template for entering the plurality of medical
3 documents, associated protocol information, and associated evidence
4 levels into the database.